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The National Islamic Front (NIF) Government of the Sudan is once again trying to peddle its usual lie that its internal war is the result of external intervention (see S/1998/922). It is obvious that its nearly two-decade effort to resolve its internal political problems by force is not going well for it, and thus its desperate attempt to hoodwink the outside world that external forces are directly involved in support of Sudanese rebel forces it has failed to vanquish.

Nothing new. What is new is that it has dropped one of its neighbours from its usual list of alleged "aggressors", indicating the unholy alliance it has struck with that country, in particular against Eritrea. There again, nothing new for Eritrea to witness. Eritrea shall prevail against the machinations of the NIF regime and its new cohorts, as well as in the defence of its national security and sovereignty.

I would like to reiterate that the NIF regime's accusations of Eritrean involvement in the internal wars of the Sudan is an outright lie being peddled to hide its internal failures and its sinister designs against Eritrea. I would further like to emphasize that Eritrea shall never be deterred by such transparently hollow and futile accusations from exposing or challenging the Sudanese regime's terrorist character and acts.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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